



CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES  
February 12, 2008

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 6:12pm at the Santa Clara Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara, California.

Present: Commissioners: Ferheen Abbasi, Kelsi Auday, Paul Barghouth, Vanessa Harsh, Noama Iftexhar, Jennifer Juniega, Kristina Little, Zahida Mubeen, Brian Mulligan, Tammy Nguyen, Zedric Ochoa, Niral Patel, Eric Spinks, Alex Vargas and Anya Vo

Absent: none

Guests: none

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor  
Nan Choi, Young Adult Librarian

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Matters for City Council Action – Recommendation to Council to direct City Manager to prepare a preliminary report and budget to be included in the budget cycle for the five-year plan regarding the development of a BMX (Bicycle Motocross) Bike Park in Santa Clara.

Recommendation to Council to direct City Manager to prepare a preliminary report and budget to be included in the budget cycle for the five-year plan regarding the development of a Transportation Shuttle System to assist teens and Senior Citizens get around in Santa Clara.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Zedric Ochoa at 6:12p.m.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – none
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8, 2008 MEETING – Vanessa Harsh made a motion to amend the minutes with the following changes: Anya Vo should not have been listed as absent, she was present at the January 8 meeting, IV B. – the Crab Feed was not January 2, but February 2. Paul Barghouth seconded the motion. Zedric Ochoa made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Ferheen Abbasi.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS–
  - A. Wilcox
    - a. February 1 – Drama production, “Mouse Trap”
    - b. February 1 – Food Faire

- c. February 8 – Food Faire
  - d. February 8 & 9 – Drama production, “Mouse Trap”
  - e. February 11 – Athletic Parent meeting
  - f. February 12 – RA meeting
  - g. February 15 – minimum day
  - h. February 18-20, New Life Campus Outreach in Mexico
  - i. February 29 – Winter Guard Home competition
- B. Santa Clara
- a. February 1 – Flag Football game with Faculty vs. Students – Faculty won
  - b. February 1 – Quad basketball vs. Lynbrook
  - c. February 2– Crab Feed
  - d. February 6 – Girls soccer vs. Milpitas
  - e. February 7 – Girls State interviews
  - f. February 8 – Winter Sports Rally and Quad game vs. Monte Vista
  - g. February 9 – Varsity wrestling finals
  - h. February 13 – CCS boys soccer vs. Gilroy and Boys State interviews
  - i. February 15 – Black History Month assembly and Quad game vs. Mountain View
- C. Peterson
- a. February 1 – Leadership, “Doughnut Dance”
  - b. February 4 & 5, 7, 11 & 12 – Tennis tryouts
  - c. February 7 – Basketball game vs. Don Callejon
  - d. February 8 – CCOS trip
  - e. February 8 – Valentines Dance
  - f. February 11 – 13, Selling candy-grams for Valentines Day
  - g. February 12 – Boys basketball game
  - h. February 17 – Renaissance Fair field trip to Monterey Bay Aquarium
  - i. February 18 – 22, Gains Club field trip
- D. Archbishop Mitty
- a. February 6 – Ash Wednesday
  - b. February 9 – WCAL wrestling tournament
  - c. February 15 & 18 – Holiday
  - d. February 20 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
  - e. February 22 – Sadie Hawkins Dance
  - f. February 25 – Winter concert
  - g. February 29 – Holiday
- E. St. Francis
- a. February 5 – Mardi Gras
  - b. February 14 – Valentines Day rally
  - c. February 15 – 19, No school
  - d. February 23 – Sadie Hawkins Dance
- F. Library
- a. February 21 – 4:00pm, Comic artist/writer, Joshua Dysart
  - b. February 26 – IROBOT, movie/book discussion
  - c. March 1 – KAPLAN ACT/SAT workshop from 1:00 – 5:00pm
  - d. March 4 – Guitar Hero from 6:00 – 8:00pm
  - e. March 11 – KAPLAN follow-up and strategies

G. Teen Center

- a. February 1 – Madden tournament at 1:30pm
- b. February 15 – Halo 2 tournament at 4:30pm
- c. February 19 - 22, No after school program due to Winter Break

SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Jennifer Herb discussed City Council's February 12 agenda, regarding the San Francisco 49ers.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Youth Commission T-shirt design – Jennifer Herb will be working with Screened Images to create a new T-shirt for the 2007-2008 Youth Commission.
- B. Final Spot, date change – January 15 - 18, The Teen Center opened earlier during finals, to allow students to come in and study. The Teen Center provided activities for students to help relieve some of the stress that comes with studying, along with free "brain food."
- C. Youth Commission term and scholarship applications available January 28 – Applications became available at all City facilities, high schools and middle schools depending on the application.
- D. Benefit Bingo Spaghetti Feed, February 8 – The Youth Commission raised \$1,500 for the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority, Pet Assistance Program, through ticket and raffle sales. Guests enjoyed a spaghetti dinner and Bingo during the evening. The event will be held at the Senior Center from 5:00pm – 9:00pm.
- E. YTRS Scholarship – Youth and Teen Recreation Services (YTRS) a sub-committee of CPRS District IV again offered scholarships available to high school juniors and seniors to help offset the cost of college. The deadline was January 18.

VI. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- A. Transportation – A motion was made by Paul Barghouth, seconded by Ferheen Abbasi a recommendation to Council to direct City Manager to prepare a preliminary report and budget to be included in the budget cycle for the five-year plan regarding the development of a Transportation Shuttle System to assist teens and Senior Citizens get around in Santa Clara.  
A committee meeting was set for February 26 at 5:00pm.
- B. Intergenerational – The Intergenerational committee met to finalize details and paint posters to help advertise for the Benefit Bingo, spaghetti dinner on February 8.  
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- C. Moondance Film Festival – There was no committee meeting due to lack of attendance. A committee meeting was set for February 26 at 6:00pm.
- D. BMX Park – The BMX committee met to continue their discussion on the possibility of developing a BMX park in Santa Clara. Curtis Beavers, an avid BMX biker came in to help brainstorm location sites, layout, development, funding and to provide us with a list of other cities that are developing or have developed a BMX park.  
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regarding the development of a BMX (Bicycle Motocross) Bike Park in Santa Clara.

- E. Philanthropy – The Philanthropy committee met to brainstorm ideas as to what kind of raffle prizes were to be given away at the Benefit Bingo Spaghetti Feed. A committee meeting was set for February 26 at 4:30pm.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Leader in Training Experience (LITE) applications available - Jennifer Herb informed the Youth Commission about the LITE program and encouraged those between the ages of 14 – 16 to apply.
- B. Halo 2 tournament, February 15 – Jon Kawada informed the Youth Commission about the upcoming tournament at the Teen Center. Admission price is \$10.00 per team.
- C. Drivers Education, February 18 – 22 – Jennifer Herb reminded the Youth Commission that spaces are still available for the class held at the Teen Center.
- D. YAC Attack, March 8 – The Youth Commission will be participating in this one day conference put on by CPRS District IV, Youth and Teen Recreation Services. The Youth Commission will be presenting a workshop on teambuilding. Over 350 Youth Commissioners are expected to attend.
- E. Easter Egg Hunt, March 22 – Gayle Ichiho asked Jennifer Herb if the Youth Commission would be interested in selling Easter Baskets at the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 29. The Youth Commission has agreed that they'd like to use this opportunity as the last fundraiser for the scholarship fund.
- F. Youth Commission term and scholarship applications due March 28 - Jennifer Herb informed the Youth Commission that the deadline is a month away and asked that they talk to their peers and recruit applicants.

#### VIII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – none

- IX. ADJOURN – A motion was made by Paul Barghouth and seconded by Zedric Ochoa, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at the Teen Center.

Minutes Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Herb  
Youth Commission Staff Liaison  
Recreation Supervisor